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Carbondale: Birthplace Of Coal Industry

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The City of Carbondale was founded in 1822 and incorporated a third class city in 1851. The first known settler in the Carbondale area was David Ailsworth, who settled in Carbondale Township in 1802. Carbondale has the distinction of being the birthplace of the anthracite coal industry and has a rich history in the railroad industry as well. Though plagued by fires and floods, both above and below the ground, the City of Carbondale remains the major "up-valley" community in Lackawanna County. Recent and future revitalization projects, as well as the eradication of coal mining scars, insure a prosperous future for the city.

A panoramic view of the city.